

PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: NRS 12.106

Notice Date: May 29, 2012 Expiration Date: June 29, 2012

Pursuant to Chapter 1200-4-7 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an §401 Water Quality Certification (this also includes Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits). This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

APPLICANT:

John Oropesa, Director Orocon-Carothers JVI 31 Highway 328 Oxford, MS 38655 (228) 432-5922

LOCATION:

Project is located on south side of Fite Road near Millington in

Shelby County, Tennessee.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE: The proposed project consists of the construction of the Millington Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility (TEMF). Construction of the facility shall involve the placement of fill in 0.2 acres of wetland. The existing wetland is herbaceous consisting of fall panic grass, barnyard grass, panicle aster and river hemp.

Compensatory wetland mitigation shall occur through the purchase of credits from the Tennessee Wildlife Federation (TWF) In-Lieu Fee Program for Tennessee Wetlands at a 2.5: 1 ratio. The TWF will prioritize compensatory mitigation in the 10 digit HUC, but if not available then the 8 digit HUC.

DEGRADATION: In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION: Current land use is open field, woodlots and agriculture.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Mike Lee

TOPOGRAPHICAL QUADRANGLE:

Millington 406 SW

Lat 35.272046 Long 89.948234

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FACTORS CONSIDERED: In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

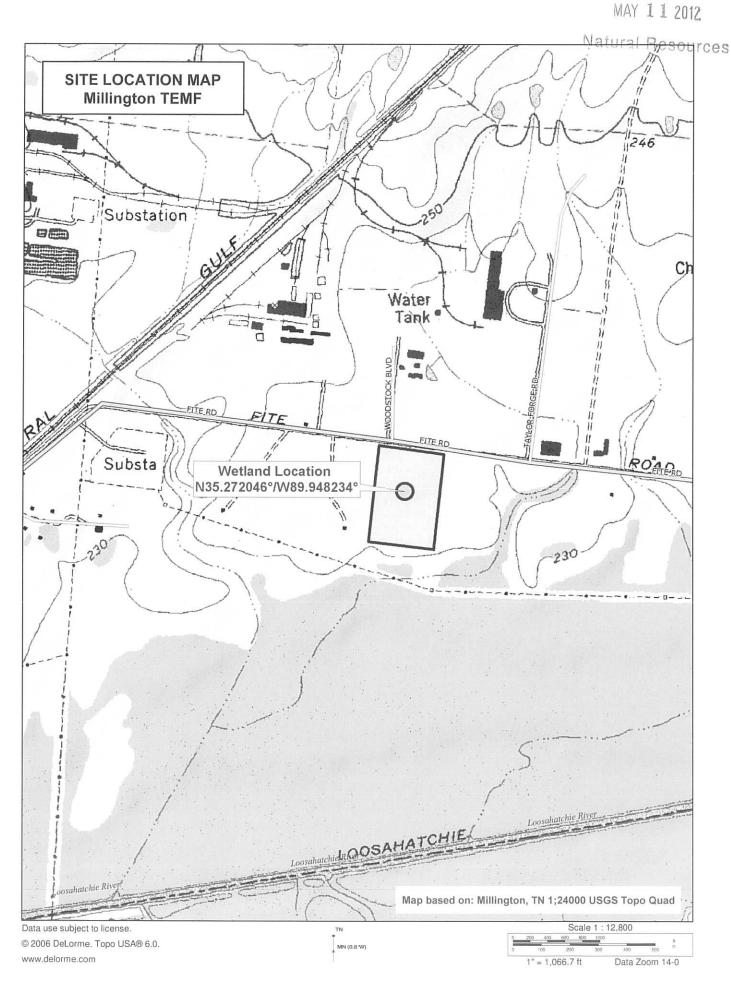
COMMENTING: Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

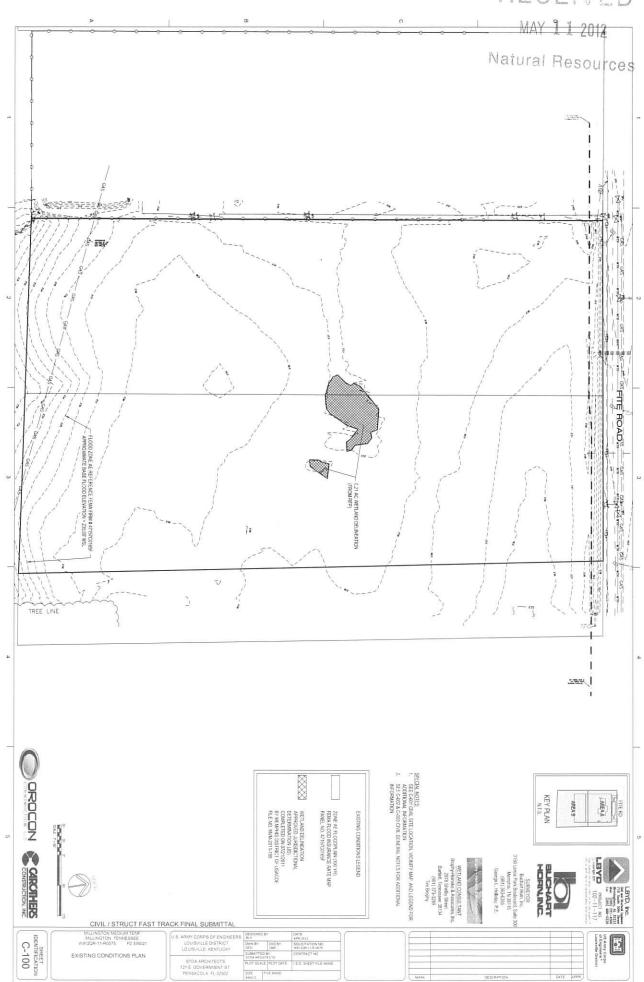
PUBLIC HEARING: Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

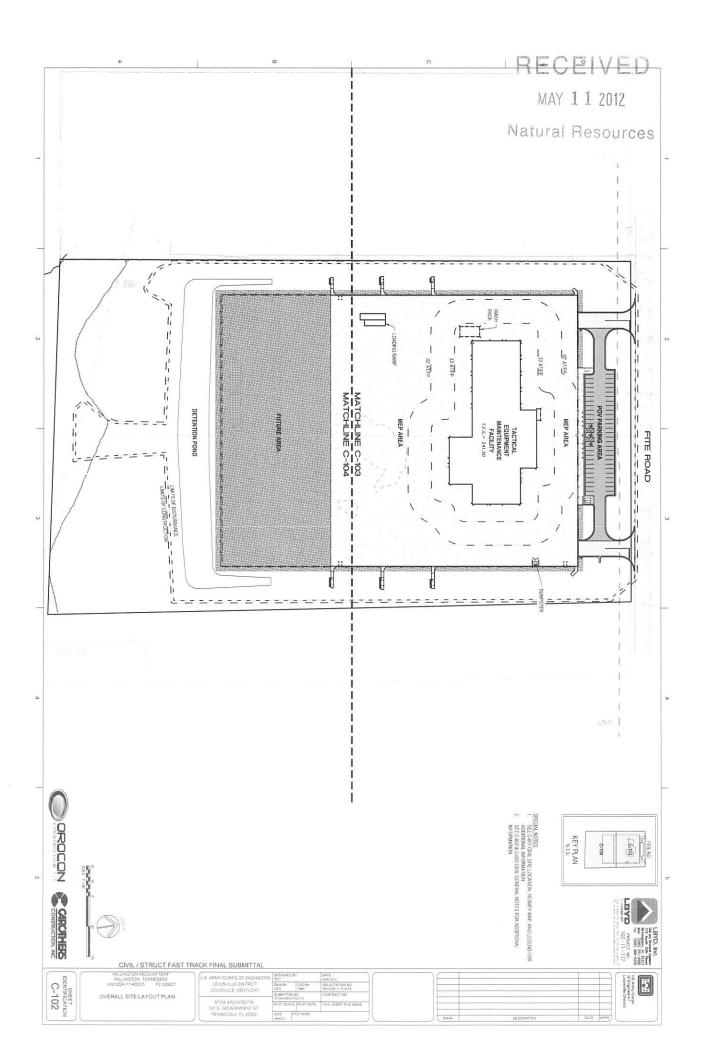
APPEAL: A petition for permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105 by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based upon any of the issues that were provided to the commissioner in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing on the permit application. Any petition for permit appeal shall be filed with the board within **thirty (30) days** after public notice of the commissioner's decision to issue or deny the permit. Such petition must state in numbered paragraphs the basis of the appeal as required by the Administrative Procedures Act and regulations promulgated thereunder. The petition must be prepared on 8½" x 11" paper, addressed to the Water Quality Control Board and filed in duplicate at the address listed below. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

FILE REVIEW: The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

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Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
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Nashville, TN 37243







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This photo, taken on January 10, 2012, shows a representative view of the wetlands.